

MEDICATIONS

During the course of your treatment, you will eventually have the need to see a doctor for treatment of an illness or a dentist for dental work. It will be necessary for you to inform your doctor or dentist that you are in recovery for drug/alcohol addiction. Should it be necessary for a doctor to prescribe medication, knowledge of your potential sensitivity to drugs will be helpful in assisting your doctor to make an appropriate selection of a medication. Being in recovery doesn't mean that you have to suffer unnecessarily. It is permissible for Treatment Program participants to take prescribed medications as long as the staff is informed as soon as possible. The same concept applies to over-the-counter medications. For instance, products such as Nyquil contain alcohol and could potentially be picked up on Breathalyzer or Alco-test swabs. Painkillers for injuries or dental work could be picked up on a Morphine test.

If you inform staff of new prescriptions before you start taking them, then the staff can note that in your record, and you will be protected against sanctions should a positive drug screen occur. On the first day you attend sessions after your visit to your doctor you should bring your prescription bottle with medication to the Program so that your counselor can record the necessary information. If you test positive for medications that you haven't informed us of, it will be considered as an attempt to use drugs and sanctions will be levied. Do not take medications that are prescribed for your family members. Do not exceed recommended dosage levels for over-the-counter (OTC) medications.